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SUBJECT: MODE EVALUATION OF PERSONNEL LEVELS BY CHIEF OF  
MISSION:JTO

REF: ROME 19382

1. HAVING CAREFULLY REASSESSED THE FUNCTION AND MANNING  
LEVEL OF THE JOINT TRAVEL OFFICE WE HAVE CONCLUDED  
THAT THE OFFICE SHOULD BE RETAINED IN ROME AT ITS PRESENT  
STAFFING COMPLEMENT OF ONE AMERICAN AND TWO ITALIAN EMPLOYEES.  
IN CONSULTATION WITH THE SENIOR MEMBER OF THE JTO IT BECAME CLEAR  
THAT THE BULK OF THAT OFFICE'S WORK IS RELATED TO FUNCTIONS  
PERFORMED IN IMPLEMENTATION OF AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE U.S. FORCES  
AND THE ITALIAN FORCES. THE RIGHTS AND AUTHORITY GRANTED UNDER  
THESE AGREEMENTS ARE NOT IN OUR VIEW SUSCEPTIBLE TO TRANSFER TO  
CIVILIAN AGENTS OF THE EMBASSY. MOREOVER THE WORKLOAD OF THE  
JTO APPEARS TO BE SUCH THAT TO TRANSFER ITS FUNCTIONS TO OTHER  
ELEMENTS OF THE MISSION WOULD LIKELY REQUIRE A CONCOMITANT  
INCREMENT IN THE STAFFING OF THESE ELEMENTS.

2. AT PRESENT THE JTO IS TRI-SERVICE SUPPORTED AND REPORTS  
DIRECTLY TO THE 8TH LOG SUPPORT GROUP AT CAMP DARBY.  
HOWEVER, MUCH OF ITS RELATIONSHIP TO CAMP DARBY IS INFORMALLY  
MANAGED BY THE ODC. WE BELIEVE THAT FOR PURPOSES OF CONTINUING  
MONITORING AND COORDINATION, THE JTO SHOULD BE MORE  
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CLOSELY INTEGRATED INTO THIS MISSION. UNLESS THE DEPARTMENT  
PERCEIVES AN OBJECTION, WE PROPOSE THAT THE JTO'S RELATIONSHIP  
TO ITS COMMAND BE ALTERED TO MAKE IT RESPONSIBLE IN THE FIRST  
INSTANCE TO AN ELEMENT OF THIS MISSION. WE CONSIDER TWO  
POSSIBILITIES, IN DESCENDING ORDER OF DESIRABILITY:

A. JTO TO HAVE A MORE DIRECT RELATIONSHIP WITH THE ODC,

EITHER AS A SUB-UNIT OF THE ODC (ASSUMING THAT SORT OF  
RELATIONSHIP IS POSSIBLE UNDER PRESENT ODC MANNING CONSTRAINTS)  
OR REPORTING FORMALLY TO THE CHIEF ODC.

B. JTO TO BE INTEGRATED INTO THE EMBASSY'S TRANSPORTATION OFFICE  
REPORTING TO THE GENERAL SERVICES OR ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER.  
(THERE MAY BE REGULATORY OR MODE CONSTRAINTS TO PREVENT THIS,  
BUT IT IS WORTH LOOKING INTO.)

IN EITHER CASE, WE WOULD FORESEE JTO ASSUMING RESIDUAL  
TRAVEL/TRANSPORTATION SERVICES CURRENTLY BEING  
PERFORMED BY DAO'S ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT SECTION (SEE  
SEPARATE MODE TELEGRAM CONCERNING DAO).

3. THERE MAY WELL BE FURTHER PERMUTATIONS OF A NEW  
ORGANIZATIONAL RELATIONSHIP WE HAVE NOT THOUGHT OF.  
THE EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE THE DEPARTMENT'S ADVICE  
BEFORE PROCEEDING TO AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH THE  
JTO'S CHAIN OF COMMAND. GARDNER

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